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Amendments to the Claims:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121(c) and the revised amendment practice effective July 30, 2003, please CANCEL claims 10-21, without prejudice. A complete listing of all claims ever presented in the application is provided immediately below.

COMPLETE LISTING OF ALL CLAIMS IN THE APPLICATION

1. (Original) A preterminated fiber optic distribution cable having at least one access location for providing access to at least one preterminated optical fiber, comprising:
 - at least one buffer tube comprising at least one optical fiber;
 - a buffer tube transition piece operable for transitioning the at least one optical fiber from the at least one buffer tube into at least one protective tube;
 - a molded member defining a longitudinally extending optical fiber guide channel operable for storing a length of the at least one preterminated optical fiber; and
 - a protective means operable for protecting the at least one buffer tube, the buffer tube transition piece and the molded member during installation of the preterminated fiber optic distribution cable.
2. (Original) The preterminated distribution cable of claim 1, wherein an outer diameter of the preterminated distribution cable is less than 1.9 inches.
3. (Original) The preterminated distribution cable of claim 1, wherein an outer diameter of the preterminated distribution cable is less than about 1.25 inches.
4. (Original) The preterminated distribution cable of claim 1, wherein the preterminated distribution cable, the at least one buffer tube, the buffer tube transition piece and the molded member are sufficiently flexible to permit the fiber optic distribution cable to be installed through a small diameter conduit.

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5. (Original) The preterminated distribution cable of claim 1, wherein the optical fiber guide channel is axially aligned with the buffer tube transition piece.
6. (Original) The preterminated distribution cable of claim 1, wherein a length of the optical fiber guide channel ranges from about 20 to about 30 inches.
7. (Original) The preterminated distribution cable of claim 1, wherein the protective means comprises a heat shrinkable material operable for securing the molded member and for providing a smooth transition between an outer diameter of a cable sheath and the molded member.
8. (Original) The preterminated distribution cable of claim 1, further comprising at least one ripcord disposed underneath the protective means operable for removing the protective means after cable installation in order to expose the molded member.
9. (Original) The preterminated distribution cable of claim 1, further comprising a water-swellaable tape disposed between the protective means and the molded member.

Claims 10-21 (Canceled).